The performance of the State / UT Governments in implementing the schemes has been reviewed and deficiencies intimated to the State Governments concerned for taking necessary steps to improve the same. The Department of Rural Development have also written to all the Districts in this regard. Liaison with the State Nodal Secretaries / State Nodal Departments will continue during the current year and officials of the Department, including the Area Officers, would continue to visit the State / Districts for this purpose.

Composition of NHRC

*739. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) at present alongwith the qualifications / experiences prescribed for their appointment;

(b) how many of them fulfil the requisite experience / qualification; and

(c) what are perks and retirement age of members and Chairman of the Said Commission?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The National Human Rights Commission has a Chairperson and four Members. The names of Chairperson and Members of the Commission are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name and Designation	Date of appointment
1.	Justice Shri J.S. Verma, Chairperson	4.11.99
2.	Justice Dr. K. Ramaswamy, Member	16.11.98
3.	Justice Smt. Sujata V. Manohar, Member	21.2.2000
4.	Shri Sudarshan Agarwal, Member	30.10.98
5.	Shri Virendra Dayal, Member	16.11.98

As per the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, the Chairperson has to be former Chief Justice of India of the four Members, one has to be a Judge of the Supreme Court, other has to be the Chief Justice of a High Court and the remaining two members have to be persons who have knowledge of or practical experience in matters relating to human rights. All of them fulfill the requisite experience / qualification as prescribed in the Protection of Human Rights, Act, 1993.

(c) Salaries and allowances admissible to the Chairperson and Members of the National Human Rights Commission are contained in the National Human Rights Commission Chairperson and Members (Salaries, Allowances and other Conditions of Service) Rules, 1993, as amended from time to time. The above Rules have already been laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

So far as the retirement age of the Chairperson and other Members are concerned, the provisions of the PHR Act, 1993 are as follows:—

Section 6(1) of the said Act provides that a perosn appointed as Chairperson shall hold office for a term of 5 years from the date on which he enters upon his office or until he attains the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

Section 6(2) of the said Act provides that a person appointed as Member shall hold office for a terms of 5 years from the date on which he enters upon his office and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another term of 5 years, provided that no Member shall hold office after he has attained the age of 70 years.

Freedom Fighters' March to Parliament

*740. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fifty thousand freedom fighters of the country alongwith their successors held a march to Parliament on 27th April, 2000;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the freedom fighters have some grievances behind this march;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith action to be taken to remove the same;

(e) whether the freedom fighters gave some suggestions to Government on redressal of their grievances; and